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LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of November 1998, and on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, I would like to request the circulation of the present letter and its annex and enclosure as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla S. AL-ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Yemen to the
United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

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Annex

Letter dated 24 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of November 1998, and on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, I would like to refer to the letter dated 25 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/894) enclosing a resolution, and to the letter dated 16 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1083).

In this connection, I have the honour, on behalf of the Arab Group, to transmit to you a revised draft resolution prepared by the Arab Group on the destruction of the Al-Shifa Pharmaceutical Factory in the Sudan.

In the enclosed draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to dispatch a fact-finding mission to the Sudan to verify the facts about the said factory, including its production and ownership.

It is the request of the Arab Group that the attached draft resolution be considered by the Security Council as soon as possible.

(Signed) Abdalla Saleh AL-ASHTAL
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Yemen to the
United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

Enclosure

The Security Council,

- Having considered the letter by the US Permanent Representative as contained in document (S/1998/780) August 20, 1998 and the letter of the Permanent Representative of the Sudan of 21 August 1998 as contained in document (S/1998/786), and of the Charge d'affaires a.i. of Kuwait of 21 August 1998 as contained in document (S/1998/791), and of the Charge d'affaires a.i. of Qatar as contained in document (S/1998/790), and of the Permanent Representative of Namibia as contained in document (S/1998/802) and of the Permanent Representative of Colombia as contained in document (S/1998/804);

- Having also considered the letter of the Permanent Representative of the Sudan as contained in document (S/1998/1069) of November 16, 1998.

- Noting the bombing of the Al-Shifa factory in the Sudan by the United States on August 20, 1998.

1. Requests the Secretary-General to dispatch a technical competent fact finding mission to verify all facts concerning the Al-Shifa factory including its production and ownership.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the findings of the mission to the Security Council within one month of adoption of this resolution.